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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: PROTECTIVE INTELLIGENCE OUTLOOK CONCERNING PRESIDENT  
CARTER'S JULY VISIT TO GERMANY

REF: BONN 8628

1. THE TERRORIST SCENE CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET  
IN BERLIN. SO FAR THIS YEAR THERE HAVE BEEN THREE UN-  
SUCCESSFUL BOMBING ATTACKS (ISRAELI TRAVEL AGENCY,  
IRANIAN CONSULATE, AND A SUBWAY STATION) AND AN EXPLOSION  
INVOLVING NO INJURIES BUT DOING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO  
THE EGYPTIAN TRAVEL AGENCY.

2. THE 2 JUNI RADICAL LEFT TERRORISTS AND REPRESENTATIVES  
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OF OTHER SUCCESSOR GROUPS OF THE BAADER-MAINHOF STRIPE  
HAVE SO FAR THIS YEAR REFRAINED FROM ACTIONS. THIS  
SITUATION IS NOTEWORTHY AND PROBABLY SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
GIVEN THE VERY LARGE CONCENTRATION OF TERRORISTS--SOME  
TWO DOZEN--SERVING SENTENCES HERE OR AWAITING JUDICIAL PRO-  
CEEDINGS. SIX ARE CURRENTLY DEFENDANTS IN CASES IN-  
VOLVING THE 1974 VON DRENCKMANN MURDER AND THE 1975 LORENZ

KIDNAPPING. THEIR TRIALS BEGAN IN MID-APRIL AND ARE EXPECTED TO LAST UP TO SEVERAL YEARS. THE LIKELIHOOD SEEMS HIGH THAT AT SOME POINT DURING THE TRIALS THE TERRORISTS WILL DECIDE TO UNDERTAKE VIOLENT COUNTERMEASURES, TO DISRUPT THE TRIALS, ATTEMPT AN EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS, OR FOR PURELY DEMONSTRATIVE REASONS.

3. THERE ARE NO CONCRETE INDICATIONS, HOWEVER, THAT THE TERRORISTS REGARD THE NEXT TWO MONTHS AS A PARTICULARLY AUSPICIOUS TIME TO UNDERTAKE A VIOLENT ACTION (ALTHOUGH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 2 JUNI GROUP IS NEXT WEEK). NO ELECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED NOR ARE THERE OTHER EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR WHICH MIGHT PROVIDE SPECIAL STIMULUS FOR VIOLENCE. NOBODY, OF COURSE, IS PREPARED TO RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY. WHILE POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES SEEM FULLY ADEQUATE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF PROMINENT PERSONS DURING A GIVEN EVENT, SUCH AS A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, IT IS FELT THAT THE TERRORISTS HAVE A CONSIDERABLE ARRAY OF POSSIBLE TARGETS, THE SECURITY OF WHOM CANNOT BE COMPLETELY SAFEGUARDED AROUND THE CLOCK, WEEK IN-WEEK OUT.

4. US AUTHORITIES, IN DAILY CONTACT WITH THE BERLIN POLICE AND LFV ON SECURITY AND TERRORISM QUESTIONS, REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY CHANGE IN THE SITUATION, ESPECIALLY FOR INDICATIONS THAT TERRORISTS MAY BE TARGETTING AMERICANS. GEORGE  
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